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SUBJECT: LOS: ATTENDANCE AT RESUMED SEVENTH SESSION,  
- AUGUST 21-SEPTEMBER 14, IN NEW YORK

REF: STATE 134431

1. EMBASSY HAS TRIED FOR PAST TEN DAYS TO REACH RESPONSIBLE GOE OFFICIAL ON LOS MATTERS. WE HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL BECAUSE FORMIN KAMEL, MINSTATE GHALI AND KEY LOS OFFICIALS ALL EITHER OUT OF COUNTRY OR PREPARING TO DEPART CAIRO ON NEW ASSIGNMENTS. WE WILL CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS HERE, BUT MEANWHILE SUGGEST USUN CONTACT DIRECTOR MFA LEGAL DEPARTMENT NABIL ELARABY, WHO IS ATTENDING SSOD. ELARABY WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY KNOW GOE INTENTIONS REGARDING SUBJECT MEETING.

2. ABOVE DIFFICULTY HAS BROUGHT HOME ONCE AGAIN THAT WITHIN GOE, AND WE SUSPECT WITHIN MANY OTHER GOVERNMENTS, LOS MATTERS ARE CONSIDERED SOMEWHAT ESOTERIC AND ARE NOT FOLLOWED CLOSELY BY HIGHEST LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT. TO ASSURE MAXIMUM ATTENDANCE AT HIGH LEVEL FOR SUBJECT MEETING AND GIVE MOMENTUM TO THIS MEETING AND CONCLUSION OF LOS TREATY, WE BELIEVE TIME MAY BE PROPITIOUS FOR A  
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HIGH-LEVEL MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OR SECRETARY TO SELECTED FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS TO URGE THAT THEY MAKE POLITICAL COMMITMENT TO EARLY CONCLUSION OF LOS TREATY. IN EGYPT, NEITHER PRESIDENT SADAT NOR FORMIN KAMEL (OR HIS PREDECESSOR) HAVE EVER TURNED THEIR PERSONAL ATTENTION TO DESIRABILITY OF LOS TREATY. IF LOWER RANKING OFFICIALS ARE TO BE EMPOWERED TO MAKE NECESSARY COMPRO-

MISES, THERE WILL FIRST HAVE TO HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL  
COMMITMENT. NOW WOULD APPEAR TO BE MOMENT FOR US TO URGE  
GOVERNMENTS TO DO SO. EILTS

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